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PRESS RELEASE

FRETILIN FORCES CLOSE TO DILI OUTSKIRTS--
INDONESIAN MORTARS SHELLING FRETILIN CONTROLLED VILLAGES

Radio Maubere on April 29 announced that Indonesian forces were shelling with heavy mortars the outskirts of Dili. Radio Maubere reported that on April 21 and 22 Indonesian forces shelled BERCOLI MATAN on Dili outskirts, wounding three comrades. On A pril 25, Radio Maubere said, the enemy strongly shelled AILIBUR on Dili outskirts, to open the way for an enemy advance. "However, Fretilin forces are vigilant and ready to punish the enemy.", Radio Maubere said.

Other news from Radio Maubere, April 29 :

TURISCAI: On April 21, in OSSERO and HUMARALIN, Fretilin forces in special combat duties killed three Indonesian soldiers and four traitors,and wounded several. One Fretilin soldier died. In reprisal, the enemy strongly shelled these two areas with mortar fire.

LAKLUBAR : On April 22, the enemy have advanced over LIHE MADA and LIHI KAMIA. However Fretilin ambushed them, killing 30 Indonesian soldiers and wounded a lot of them. Four Fretilin were wounded. The enemy bombed the area with mortar fire, but caused no damage.

LAULAUA: April 18 : two planes Bronco OV-10s bombed Toho-Meto and Madebeno (close to Dili) wounding four comrades, one of them seriously.

BAUCAU: April 22 : Fretilin forces in BERCOLI area killed four enemy and wounded a lot.In revenge, enemy shelled a Fretilin position with mortar fire. On April 28,enemy plane patrolled the Baucau area for 45 minutes.

OSSU: On April 27, fierce fighting went on in Ossu.Fretilin forces gave continuously given strong resistance and are inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.Fretilin forces are "controlling the situation there."

TAPO : Enemy heavy artillery in Bobonaro are continually shelling the Tapo area.

SUAI : Indonesian warships are continuously patrolling the S uai coastal area,and planes and helicopters in airspace.

NEWS FROM MAY 1,1977 RADIO MAUBERE: (See for May Day message overleaf):

Baucau area: April 25 : Fretilin forces killed four enemy, lost one Fretilin dead.

VIQUEQUE: April 25 : Five enemy soldiers killed and many wounded.No Fretilin losses.

SUAI: Indonesian warships patrolling coastline ;

BOBONARO: Indonesian planes and helicopters patrolling the area. Mortars shelling outskirts of the village. No damage caused.

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MAY DAY MESSAGE FROM ALARICO FERNANDES, FRETILIN SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY OVER RADIO MAUBERE MAY 1, 1977

" May Day 1977 id a great day for workers around the world.We take this opportunity to present to all workers in the world and workers in Australia our revolutionary greetings and wishes for a very long life.... Timorese workers are celebrating May Day by fighting and working hard in the national reconstruction of the Democratic Republic of East Timor... Workers in East Timor are working to build a NEW East Timor, a new man, a new Timorese, a new society. The Timorese workers are more than ever determined to fight to the final victory for the people, to put an end to the exploitation of man by man and expel the corrupt Indonesians from East Timor who want to make Timor a colony. They will never win because the workers of East Timor and the heroic Maubere people are together and more united and determined to remove forever those who want to exploit the people of East Timor... Workers throughout the world represent a very strong power when they use their rights to serve the people's interests. All imperialists and their puppets, the corrupt Suharto and his wife Mrs ten or fifty percent ,Malik and Murtopo and all his dogkeepers are reaching their end by invading East Timor...

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TRANSCRIPT OF ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM AUSTRALIAN JOURNALISTS TO FRETILIN INFORMATION SECRETARY,ALARICO FERNANDES AT OPENING OF DARWIN PUBLIC RADIO TRANSMITTER, MAY 7, 1977

The public radio transmitter, purchased by donations from individuals and organisations in Australia, New Zealand,West Germany and Holland, had a very successful opening over 100 kms in the hills south of Darwin on May 7, 1977. Present were members of the Campaign for Independent East Timor from Darwin and Sydney, Mr Ken Fry, Labor MHR for Fraser (ACT), three journalists from Channel Seven TV in Melbourne, and other journalists working for AAP-Reuters, ABC etc. A team from Channel 10 TV in Sydney and from ABC Radio Public Affairs journalist Mark Aarons were unable to reach Darwin because of the air controllers' strike which ground all aircraft from midnight May 6.

Those present were transported to the site by a hired tourist bus. Despite continuous police surveillance,and the fact that a police car tailed the bus, the party successfully reached the site and broadcast for over 1½ hours.

Mr Brian Manning from CIET Darwin opened the discussion with greetings from East Timor support groups throughout the world. He was followed by Mr Ken Fry MHR who sent his personal greetings and then played a tape recording of messages of greetings from ten other parliamentarians: Mr Tom Uren MHR, Labor Deputy Opposition Leader and former Urban Affairs Minister in the Whitlam Government ; Senator Jim Keeffe, Labor Deputy Senate Leader; Senator J Wheeldon, former Labor Government Minister; Dr Moss Cass MHR, former Whitlam Government Minister ; Senator Cyril Primmer (Labor); Senator Arthur Gietzelt ; Senator Gordon McIntosh (both Labor) ; Dr Jim Cairns MHR (former Whitlam Government Minister); Senator N Bonner (Liberal Party) ; and from Ian McDonald, Research Assistant with Senator Georges' who was absent overseas .(Ian McDonald is a former President of the Australian Union of Students).

Next, Mr Chris Santos, DRET Information Officer in Melbourne spoke in Portuguese. Mr Brian Manning then asked a series of questions from journalists, and prepared by CIET. We reproduce those questions to which answers were given.Answers to others will be given later (at CIET request because of time limitations on May 7)

QUESTION (FROM CHANNEL SEVEN MELBOURNE) : Have Nomad aircraft bee used in ET

ANSWER: So far we did not identify any Noamd aircraft in East Timor. Only Bronco OV OV-10s. We did see however a Fokker Friendship flying over East Timor ,violating East Timor airspace to see Fretilin positions and revolutionary forces.

QUESTION : (a freelance journalist) How many are under amrs in Fretilin forces?

ANSWER: " Fretilin is the people of East Timor and the people is Fretilin and the entire people of East Timor now in this moment are with weapons in hand fighting against the vandal Indonesian invaders.

QUESTION : Where do you get your arms? Have any arms come from outside ?

ANSWER: I wish to tell you that Fretilin revolutionary forces have many weapons automatic rifles,modern rifles of long-range, mortars ,bazookas and weapons take from the vandal Indonesian soldiers and Fretilin revolutionary forces are now

organised and prepared for a long-term guerrilla warfare and under the just and correct Fretilin leadership and weapons ,ammunition and war equipment are easy to find as we have enough .While the Indonesians remain in East Timor ,the main stock for Fretilin revolutionary forces is just and exactly the Indonesian stocks where war materials... and from outside we didn't receive nothing. Fretilin does not need support like this because Fretilin can find just in East Timor lots of ammunition and weapons. Concerning arms smuggling this is a slander.It is a reactionary manouvre.

QUESTION : (from same journalist) : When you say all people are armed --just how many?

ANSWER: The people of East Timor as I told you, are Fretilin and Fretilin is the people of East Timor that are now fighting with arms,weapons in hands, and they are the good ones, the heroic ones living in East Timor ,their beloved country.

QUESTION : (from same journalist) : Have you any anti-aircraft weapons ?

ANSWER : We have captured from the enemy a great deal of weapons,ammunition etc. We have some weapons to shoot planes and Indonesian aricraft .Just telling you Fretilin revolutionary forces have captured some rockets.

QUESTION : Have you land mines ?

ANSWER: Of course comrades we have several kinds of mines.The people of East Timor are very expert in making Timorese mines also.

QUESTION :)(another journalist) What is Fretilin's attitude to a United Nations Peac Keeping Force being stationed in East Timor ?

ANSWER: This question I will pass to the Fretilin Permanent committee to discuss. But I want to tell you in advance that the comrade of Fretilin Central Committee, Jose Ramos Horta , Minister for Foreign Affairs is in the United Nations and perhaps he can answer that.

QUESTION (from another journalist) : 20,000 Indonesian killed -- is this correct as you said over Radio Maubere ? How many Fretilin soldiers have been killed in the past 18 months ?

ANSWER: That's right. Over 20,000 Indonesian soldiers killed in East Timor, have ingloriously died in East Timor just to achieve the territorial ambitions of the corrupt Suharto . About 800 comrades have died defending the revolution.

QUESTION:(another journalist) : Is Radio Maubere always broadcasting from the same place or does it move about? If so,how often is it moved ?

ANSWER: That is a very interesting question. I wish to reply ,to tell you that East Timor is a large island, that Radio Maubere is operating everywhere in East Timor among the East Timorese people ...

QUESTION : (another journalist) : On Radio Maubere you said Helen Meyner was drunk when she was in Dili. How did you find that out ?

(congressista morte americana que recentemente se deslocou a Timor, em consequência do seu alcoolismo)

ANSWER: Helen Meyner has been in Dili --and East Timor is not only Dili -- and Helen Meyner has been with corrupt Indonesian officers drinking in Dili, assisting the corrupt Indonesian forces. I want to repeat what I told you before : Indonesian soldiers dressed in Timorese clothes to welcome Heln Meyner.The political prisoners in Dili were removed to Comoro River to hide up there. In the hospital, Indonesian soldiers wounded have been removed and hidden in vales in vicinity of hospital.

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Fretilin security service is everywhere in East Timor because you understnad Fretilin forces continually control East Timor over 80% --I want to stress that. Indonesian forces control only Dili and some other towns.

QUESTION :(CIET) In a Radio Maubere broadcast earlier this year you said food production had increased? Is this correct? How has this been possible ?

ANSWER: Food production in Fretilin controlled areas is another front to be developed along with the armed struggle. We have reached the maximum production reached in Portuguese colonial domination, when there was hunger and sickness.

QUESTION (CIET) : How are wounded soldiers and civilians treated? Are there hospitals in Fretilin held areas ?

ANSWER: I want to tell you the people of East Timor have prepared everything to assist peoples health and the people of East Timor are working hard to safeguard health ,using traditional medicines that is very important and very,very good.

QUESTION (CIET): Is the anti-illiteracy campaign continuing ?

ANSWER: Eduction and culture is another important activity along with armed struggle anf a very important activity in revolution.Fretilin Central Committee has organised schools everywhere in the Fretilin controlled areas,80% I stress again and many people are now studying in Fretilin schools in several parts of the territory.

QUESTION : Are there any Indonesian prisoners of war in Fretilin held areas?

ANSWER: So far there are no Indonesian prisoners in Fretilin-controlled areas.

QUESTION : What is the situion of political prisoners in Dili and elswhere ?

ANSWER: This is a very fierce point.We do want to announce to the world that political prisoners in Dili in the bloody hands of the corrupt Indonesians are suffering the most brutal treatment . Most of them are now being killed. They are suffering starvation ,electrical shocks and brutal beatings,women are being raped, abused by Indonesian troops and the political prisoners are suffering burnings along their bodies with cigarette burns ,and the civilian population of Dili, everyone ,you know, are eager to leave Dili to any foreign country in repudiation of the Indonesian presence in East Timor.

QUESTION: ARE you short of seed corn and rice for the planting ?

ANSWER: People of East Timor are working hard in national reconstruction .Concerning to food I want to tell you that the hunger is less than before when East Timor was under Portuguese colonial domination. The people of East Timor are hardly and intensely working in the fields growing rice and everything,for themselves maintenance.

QUESTION : How far are Fretilin controlled villages from Dili ?

ANSWER: Every day information is reaching the Department of Information and National Security pf the Fretilin Central Committee and the Fretilin revolutionary forces control various village and the one close to Dili is Remexio village but Fretilin revolutionary forces control areas in Dili outskirts,one or two kms out of Dili.

QUESTION: Have you enough food for the people ? How is it distributed?

ANSWER: The people of East Timor have grown several foods and the people of East Timor is working in farms in system of co-operatives.There is no problem in distribution of food.

QUESTION: Do you use traditional medicines? How effective are they? Can you give examples ?

ANSWER: We have a list of traditional medicines we are using in East Timor and one day I will pass it over.

QUESTION : Where do you get modern medicines? What modern medicines do you particularly need?

ANSWER: I will ask this question by radio to the Director of the East Timor Red Cross and give you an answer.

QUESTION : What is the situation in Indonesian-controlled areas?

ANSWER: As I have said the people in Indonesian concentration camps are suffering terrible brutalities by Indonesian officers and soldiers ,starving, women being rapes and the captured population sacked ...

Many other questions asked together will be answered in the coming week over Radio Maubere or by the public radio receiver. CIET clearly stated to Mr Fernandes before asking these questions that we understood fully if he was not able to answer for secutiry reasons, but that we would ask the questions because they had been put by journalists. Mr Fernandes said he would do everything to try to answer them,but some he could not...

Before the questions we put message tape recorded from Timorese refugees in Australia were broadcast. Later, Mr Frenandes sent this personal message to his mother in Australia : Please tell my mother that I am quite well as are my wife Lita and darling daughter Maria-Jose,Mize, we are now with the Maubere people fighting against the vandal Indonesian invaders in East Timor."

On Radio Maubere, May 8 (the next day), Mr Fernandes informed the East Timorese people of the "press conference" and replayed large sections of the "conference incldiuing Mr Fry's comments, the messages from the Timorese refugees and answers to questions from journalists and CIET.

Copies are being made of the cassette tape-recording of the full interview and of all messages sent and will be shortly available for $3 a copy, plus postage.

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SUPPORT TWO-WAY RADIO WITH EAST TIMOR!

On May 7, journalists, Mr Ken Fry MHR and East Timor supporters interviewed Fretilin Information Secretary, Mr Alarico Fernandes, on a two-way public radio transceiver, set up 100 kms. south of Darwin.

Commonwealth Police and Posts and Telegraphy Department failed to seize it, despite a major effort to locate it.

On May 13, a second interview was carried out on the same radio transceiver, this time by Ian McMinn, of Sydney television channel 10.

The radio transceiver was bought with funds donated throughout Australia, and in West Germany and Holland, to the LET EAST TIMOR SPEAK FUND.

Establishing such a radio link, and dodging police attempts to seize it, is a costly operation. It has been established to give the media access to Fretilin leaders in East Timor, and to allow Timorese refugees to send and receive messages from friends and relations in the liberated areas. Finally, the transceiver will allow a more detailed picture of the humanitarian needs of the East Timorese people to emerge.

WE URGENTLY APPEAL FOR YOUR FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT.

WE URGENTLY NEED A FURTHER $1000 TO ENABLE THE RADIO TRANSCEIVER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE, AND A FURTHER $1500 TO PURCHASE ANOTHER TRANSCEIVER TO REPLACE THE PRESENT ONE IF IT IS SEIZED.

WE ASK YOU ALSO TO WRITE TO YOUR MP, UNION and CHURCH OR OTHER ORGANISATION ASKING THEM TO PROTEST AT GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO STOP ALL CONTACT WITH EAST TIMOR. THE LAW UNDER WHICH THE PERSECUTION OF THOSE OPERATING THE RADIO IS TAKING PLACE WAS NEVER INTENDED TO STOP SUCH CONTACT — AND THE MAXIMUM FINE IS $100 ...

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108 INDONESIANS KILLED IN FRETILIN OFFENSIVE ON OUTSKIRTS OF DILI

108 Indonesian soldiers were killed and a great number wounded in a Fretilin offensive on May 6, against the areas of Lalua and Lobugobu (spelling from tape ?) ,on the outskirts of Dili, Mr Alarico Fernandes, Minister for Information and National Security in the Revolutionary Government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor, announced over Radio Maubere on May 15.

Mr Fernandes said that one automatic rifle,a pistol and a great deal of ammunition, medicines and other war equipment were captured.Fretilin suffered one dead and one wounded. The Indonesians called in two Bronco OV-10 warplanes which bombed and machine-gunned the area, but they caused on damage.

He also reported that Fretilin had repelled an Indonesian attack in the Laclo area, killing two Indonesians and wounding many. Indonesian warships and planes were patrolling the Suai area on the south coast, and planes were patrolling the Baucau and Bobonaro areas.

On Radio Maubere on May 11, Mr Fernandes said that in the Turiscai area, Fretilin killed eight Indonesians and wounded many. In Lekidoe, on May 1, "Commander Luis (rest of name indecipherable) died from serious injuries." In Becilau, on May 4, Fretilin in an offensive against the village,killed 4 Indonesian soldiers and one Lieutenant (other action there indecpiherable)

Mr Fernandes said on May 11 :"The people of East Timor followed keenly about the radio link between East Timor and Australia thanks to your great revolutionary solidarity with the struggle of the people of East Timor to obtain their just liberation ,sovereignty and national independence ... our highest admiration and sympathy for the action you have taken ..and appreciation and hope for the regular continuation of the radio contact."

The following message was received on the Darwin Public Radio Receiver on May 13 :

" Democratic Republic of East Timor --Fretilin
Department of Information and National Security.

To the Campaign for Independent East Timor and brother Australian people in general ..message of detail to an urgent vigilance.

Lately, the Indonesian air force has increased operations against the people of East Timor with heavy bombardments and machine gunning.Besides Bronco OV-10 aircraft, several other war aircraft are also operating agsinst the people of East Timor.

According to the latest reports reached this Department ,tell that the Indonesian officials are encouraging the demoralised Indonesian soldiers by assuring them that Australian war aircraft are now being used by the Indonesians against the people of East Timor.

The corrupt Indonesians are continuously using Bronco-OV-10 aircraft to agress and murder the people of East Timor. It's evident that this is a criminal action and obviously a violation of the human rights. How Indonesia has got this kind of aircraft and who is claiming (to be) defending of human rights?

Henceforward, we will have sharp vigilance by filming and recording all the aircraft which are operating in East Timor against the civilian population , Also we appeal to comrades and brother Australian people to do so in the outside.

Independence or death. The victory is certain. Armed struggle continues.

Revolutionary greetings and long life.

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Signed: Alarico Jorge Fernandes
Minister for Information and National Security
of the Revolutionary Government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor.

SUMMARY OF TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW BETWEEN IAN McMINN, JOURNALIST OF TELEVISION CHANNEL TEN SYDNEY WITH MR ALARICO FERNANDES -- OUTSIDE DARWIN ON MAY 13, 1977 BY THE TWO WAY PUBLIC RADIO TRANSMITTER ...

(Some questions by Mr McMinn were referred by Mr Fernandes to the Fretilin CC Permanent Committee... the answers to others follow ...)

"The vandal Indonesian forces are desperately attempting to capture the Timorese population and now several of them are in Indonesian concentration camps and many more hundreds are running away to Fretilin-controlled areas."

Question : Is napalm being used ?

"Not now.But on the last September in the border area (it was used) "

Question: Are Australian-supplied warships being used in East Timor ?

"So far Indonesian warships are continuously patrolling and bombing the coastal areas of East Timor and we are convinced that Indonesian warships operating in East Timor are not from Australia."

Question: Are East Timorese women being raped by Indonesian soldiers.

"All records issued by the Fretilin Department of Information and National Security , all is true ... (women are being) viciously raped by Indonesian soldiers and officers."

Question: What do you think of statments that East Timor is too small to survive?

Answer: East Timor is small but hard as granite. East Timor is small but has power of the people and when the people fight with armed weapons in hand ,the people will win no matter how XXXXXX is the number of the population ."

The Channel Ten interview was shown in a ten-minute segment on the 6pm News on May 16. A copy of the film is being purchased by CIET.

After the Channel Ten interview, recorded messages from over a dozen East Timorese living in Darwin were played. Mr Fernandes promised speedy replies.

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URGENT URGENT TO ALL EAST TIMOR SUPPORT MOVEMENTS IN AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS

1. MESSAGES TO EAST TIMOR

Following the successful first contact with cde. Alarico Fernandes on May 7, and the second on May 13, it is now possible to send messages of greetings, questions etc.. to East Timor. Please observe the following:
a) -- Messages can be either written (in English or Portuguese) or put on a cassette tape in either language. Messages should be short, between 3 and 5 sentences long. If read directly onto tape, they should be read clearly, slowly and distinctly and all difficult names spelt out (if possible in international code) or repeated twice. No message on tape should be more than four minutes long. If the sender has a strong accent (East Timor is used to the Australian accent !) , it is best to send a written message.
b) -- Messages from solidarity groups, political parties, trade unions etc. are welcome, as well as from Timorese refugees. Indonesian comrades supporting Fretilin are particularly invited to send messages, including in Bahasa, on tape.
c) -- Fretilin may decide to replay the message over Radio Maubere . The message should therefore clearly identify the sender, and his/her/its position and work for East Timor.
d) -- WE WOULD APPRECIATE SUCH MESSAGES BEING SENT AS SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE.

2. LET EAST TIMOR SPEAK FUND

A correction to the balance sheet sent out : Newcastle should be credited with $334.76 , not $213. This was due to confusion on cheques sent which were addressed to CIET, not LETS . Also received since balance sheet is a further $242 from AETA(Vic), $35 from CIET(SA) and $400 from St. Humanitair Fonds 1971 (Holland), plus a further $40 from individual donors. We still need at least $1000 to keep the radio transmitter operating in the coming months.

3. ETNA

East Timor News needs speedy reports of all actions taken overseas in solidarity with the East Timorese people. These may also be sent over the public radio transmitter.

4. CONTACT ADDRESS IN MOZAMBIQUE FOR FRETILIN DELEGATION

The new address is Ms. Adelina Tilman, Av. Friedrich Engels, 177, 2nd., Maputo, PR of MOZAMBIQUE. Adelina, who visited Australia last July, is press secretary to the delegation. She asks in a private note for all friends whom she met in Australia to write to her and Ambassador Roque Rodrigues at this address. She apologies for not writing, but has lost all addresses she gathered here of the many friends she made. Estanislau da Silva can also be contacted at the same address, for friends he met here who want to write.

5. VISIT OF FRASER AND PEACOCK

Australian Foreign Minister Peacock will speak at the UN Law of the Sea Conference in NY shortly. Given his government's grab of East Timor territorial waters (see ET News No.7 and coming issue No.8), we ask American groups to consider suitable protests against him, and Australian participation in this conference. Australian Prime Minister Fraser is in Italy this Friday, then in London for Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference. We are not sure of his itinerary after that, but it would be possible to find out by contacting the Australian Embassy in your country ....
Revolutionary greetings to all, Denis Freney , secretary CIET Sydney

suffering the oppression of the Suharto fascist regime and the Indonesian people are following our just struggle and find in it the spring of inspiration of their just struggle against the fascist (coup? group ?) of the year 1965. So, the population inside West Timor were forced by the Indonesian military authorities to evacuate to the centre areas and along the borderline (with East Timor --ETNA) they have established bases of heavy artillery as in LAKAMARA and at ATAPUPU from where the offensives are launched over the DRET territory. "

PRESS RELEASE

FRETILIN SENDS MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO WIFE OF
DEAD INDONESIAN SOLDIER

On May 20, in a message to CIET, Mr Alarico Fernandes sent on behalf of Fretilin a message of condolences to the wife of an Indonesian soldier, killed on the road between Becilau and Dili on April 4, 1977. Mr Fernandes spelt out the name of the soldier, the town from which he came, and his number -- "RNP 23396". He also quoted from a letter found on the soldier's body from his wife .

Unfortunately, bad reception prevented transcription of the name and much of the message, however part of the letter quoted from his wife read :" Please don't forget... I have to take our darling daughter to school (because) she cries all the time. She has learned to write a little.Please send her ... suffering from malaria ... we are anxious to hear from you .. we fear for your safety... I send you 53,00 ruppees of two months of your wage... Please come back as soon as possible you can."

Mr Fernandes said the East Timorese people did not like killing the sons of the brother Indonesian people, but while they remained in East Timor as part of Suharto's plans, they had to kill them to defend their independence and national sovereignty.

MESSAGE CALLS FOR AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE A
CLEAR STAND AGAINST INDONESIAN AGGRESSION

In a message sent on May 18 to CIET, and partly jammed by Australian security and Post and Telegraphs officials, Mr Fernandes said ,in part (some inaudible) :

"The people of East Timor are still aware that their just struggle is increasing its support (and) sympathy of the Australian people. Fretilin Central Committee and the Government of DRET expects that the Australian Government take a clear position on the barbarous aggression carried out by the Indonesian generals over DRET, an independent and sovereign country recognised by over ten countries , in flagrant violation of the principles of the United Nations Charter and the Non-Aligned Countries Movement as well..."

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PRESIDENT XAVIER DO AMARAL SPEAKS OVER RADIO MAUBERE
ON THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDATION OF FRETILIN

President Francisco Xavier do Amaral, President of Fretilin and President of the Democratic Republic of East Timor, spoke to the people over Radio Maubere on May 20, the third anniversary of the foundation of ASDT (which some months later became Fretilin.)

In a live broadcast from the site where Radio Maubere is situated, President Xavier do Amaral spoke in Tetum on the defeat of Portuguese colonialism and the struggle against the Indonesian invaders. A full translation will be available shortly. After the President spoke, Mr Alarico Fernandes, Minister for Information and National Security, read a communique from his Department. After him, a woman leader spoke ,also in Tetum. Mr Fernandes said celebrations were taking place throughout the country on the occasion of Fretilin's third anniversary.

PRESS RELEASE -- MR FERNANDES REPLIES TO QUESTIONS BY JOURNALISTS

On May 20, in a message to the Campaign for Independent East Timor, Mr Alarico Fernandes gave further answers to questions posed by journalists during the first radio contact on May 7. The replies were repeats of those given on May 14, when his messages were jammed by Australian security police and Posts and Telegraphs Department officials. We reporduce the main answers :

Q: Would a United Nations Peace Keeping Force be accepted by Fretilin ?

Mr Fernandes: " Over 17 months, the Democratic Republic of East Timor is victim of armed aggression. The people of East Timor want peace and are fighting to achieve it. Peace will only be restored in the Democratic Republic of East Timor (DRET) by the immediate withdrawal of -- and the unconditional withdrawal of -- Indonesian invading troops according to the U.N. Security Council and General Assembly resolutions and the last according to the Non-Aligned Countries conference resolution , observing the independence, national sovereignty and territorial integrity of the DRET. The Indonesians total disrespect to those resolutions and to the existing international law, and the complete defiance to the international community of which it is a member... Seized to this situation, Fretilin Central Committee and government of DRET are surprised how, so far, the countries members of the U.N. have not yet taken actions against Indonesia with economic, cultural and political boycott and in similar ways taken against the other fascist regimes , as Ian Smith and Vorster in Rhodesia and South Africa respectively."

Q: How many Indonesian troops do you estimate are in East Timor ?

Mr Fernandes :" According to the informations reaching us and to our own records,we estimate the following :
a) -- 45,000 Indonesian troops have been authorised to invade East Timor ;
b) -- As to now, about 20,000 Indonesian troops have been eliminated ;
c) -- About 15,000 Indonesian forces have been evacuated;
d) -- Indonesian (authorities?) have compelled the captured population to complete each unit and the captured population are being used by the Indonesians as(prosecute?) in their offensives."

: Are Indonesian aircraft bombing East Timor based at Baucau international airport?

Mr. Fernandes: "The Bronco OV-10 aircraft which are operating in East Timor have no bases in the territory.These aircraft are flying and heavily bombarding the large

areas controlled by the Government of DRET. Besides these planes, also other (aircraft?) and helicopters are daily flying over the territory."

Q: What sort of bombs are being dropped by the Indonesian aricraft ?

Mr. Fernandes: "The enemy have been using several kinds of bombs ,and the heavy artillery have also been using bombs. The civilian population are defending themselves from bombardments by using all things of their region."

Q: What information have you about the situation in (the enclave of) Oe-Cussi and Atauro Island ?

Mr Fernandes : " Information from Oe-Cussi and Atauro has difficulty in reaching us. However, information reaching us has assured us that the civilian population are resisting the atrocities inflicted by the enemy as in the same manner towards it in other parts controlled by the enemy."

Q: What is your opinion of the visit by Australian diplomats to East Timor ?

Mr. Fernandes: " We are very surprised with the visit of two Australian diplomats to the occupied areas. One , Australian Government has on several occasions (said) that the Australian Government does not recognise the so-called integration of East Timor into Indonesia."

Q: Are Fretilin Central Committee members safe ?

Mr Fernandes:" The majority of Fretilin Central Committee and Revolutionary Government are supremely conducting the struggle of resistance in East Timor. Actually, some are jailed in Dili, particularly hundreds of Fretilin militants who since the beginning of the invasion are suffering all sorts of torture ... without including those who have been murdered on the first day of the invasion. On the other hand, the executions are continuing whensoever the enemy suffer defeats in East Timor and the outside world."

Q: How are sick and wounded treated ? Do you need modern medicines ?

Mr Fernandes :" Counting on our own forces on all levels, we have used traditional medicines.Meanwhile the Department of Work and Popular Health have put measures afoot to improve the traditional medicines to modern medicines in complete (???-- inaudible) , injections ,food(?) and so on.
"We do not refuse any help in any way."

Q: (A question asking details of hospitals and health services in liberated areas)

"Because of the (??? - inaudible) , the specific conditions of out struggle, we have some points for security precautions , we cannot answer in this moment. However, in the right time, we will broadcast to your radio the activities in health sectors."

ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS BY JOURNALISTS -- GIVEN IN MESSAGE TO CIET ON MAY 18
(THIS BROADCAST WAS PARTIALLY JAMMED AND SO SOME ANSWERS ARE INCOMPLETE)

(Q: On the situation of ex-UDT and ex-APODETI supporters in liberated areas...)
Mr Fernandes: "As we have already announced there are no more UDT and APODETI in East Timor, only Fretilin in East Timor, fighting against the barbarous aggression. We express that there are no more political prisoners in Fretilin-held areas... (" ... working with the people against invasion..")

Q: What is the situation in West Timor ?

Mr. Fernandes: "We have no doubt that the people of West Timor are part of Indonesia,

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RADIO MAUBERE NEWS June 22

The following news was broadcast on Radio Maubere on June 22, and repeated in a message to the Darwin listening post of the Campaign for Independent East Timor on June 23:

QUELICAI : May 25 and 26 -- enemy tried to advance over Fretilin positions, but Fretilin revolutionary forces resisted .Three Indonesians were killed and a lot wounded.There were no Fretilin injuries.

UATOCARRABOU: 29/5/77 -- one Indonesian warship on the high seas off ALIAMBATA strongly shelled the large Fretilin controlled areas.

LAGA: 30/5/77 : One Indonesian warship shelled Laga coastal area

BAGUIA: enemy is still in its positions at UATOBITA , shelling with mortar fire the outskirts of its positions.

LEKIDOE: 7/6/77 -- the enemy advanced to FAHI-SOI , murdering one child of ten years and seriously wounding a woman civilian, burning 20 houses and destroying properties. After fierce fighting the enemy was forced to withdraw to Mountain Tatabau. On 8/6/77 : Fretilin forces attacked the enemy there .The enemy called for help and one Bronco aircraft attacked Fretilin forces for 1 hour 45 minutes, but unsuccessfully. One Indonesian helicopter tried to land on LAHUI mountain but unfortunately had a narrow escape and didn't land. Until 9/6/77 the enemy based on LAHUI mountain tried to advance over enemy positions, but were repelled, and retreated to their initial positions. The enemy strongly shelled with the mortar fire the FAHISUI, NAMUMISSA, RAIHIND and Lekidoe areas, however they caused no damage to Fretilin. On 10/6/77 Fretilin revolutionary forces attacked the enemy , who fled shamefully to SAMATUTO and AILEU villages.In those battles, 24 Indonesian soldiers were killed and lots were wounded.Fretilin suffered no casualties.

TURISCAI : 10/6/77 -- enemy supported by heavy artillery advanced over MAULAU where several houses were burned out and some properties destroyed. However Fretilin revolutionary forces counter-attacked and forced the enemy back to its initial positions.

OSSU: 12/6/77 : Fretilin ambushed the enemy on outskirts of village, killing five enemy and wounding many and capturing a great deal of ammunition.No Fretilin casualties. 18/6/77 .The enemy raided Fretilin controlled areas, burning properties They are still shelling the outskirts of the village.

VIKEKE: 11/6/77. One Indonesian helicopter flew over LUKA area, particularly over FOHORUA and KUAMAULI. 12/6/77 -- Fretilin forces were surprised by the enemy while on special duties in BETUHUN .However Fretilin counter-attacked killing two Indonesian soldiers.One Fretilin guerrilla was seriously wounded.

HERA: 7/6/77 : One Indonesian warship atrolling the north coast shelled AILIBUR, SOHO. LAHAKOLY, KULUMETA and REMEXIO areas, but caused no damage

MALIANA: 22/6/77 -- the usual Bronco aircraft strongly bombed the Large Fretilin controlled areas and enemy heavy artillery shelled this area.

BAUCAU: heavy bombardments by heavy artillery of the outskirts of the town are continuing.

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RADIO MAUBERE NEWS 17/6/77

HERA (15 kms east of Dili) : 1/6/77 emeny strongly shelled from Fatu Ahi to mountains , Coli Mata but caused no damaged. Later a warship shelled from the sea off Hera to Aileu and Remexio (and other villages nearby) but caused no damage

METINARO (a few kms east of Hera) : Indonesian planes and helicopters flew over on 3/6/77 and intensely bombed this area.

LOSPALOS 4/6/77 enemy intensely shelled outskirts of town, but caused on damage. Indonesian planes continuously violating airspace .Warships are continuously patrolling coast near Lospalos.

BAUCAU 20/5/77 . Falintil on special duties on outskirts of town killed four Indonesian soldiers -- no Falintil casualties. Enemy in revenge shelled with mortars outskirts of village.No damage. 8/6/77 enemy progressed to LOILOBU but met fierce resistance.Fretilin forces killed two Indonesians and repelled the others.

OSSU : 14/5/77 : enemy advanced to Boe Rica .Fierce fighting and Fretilin killed five Indonesians and wounded many.One Fretilin fighter was slightly wounded. Enemy intensely shelled Fretilin areas around village. LARI TAMI 18/5/77 : three Indonesians killed and many wounded.No Fretilin casualties Fretilin captured one rifle and one radio receiver. 7/6/77: Fretilin forces in special duties on outskirts of village killed two Indonesian soldiers. 14/6/77 : four Indonesians killed. Two Bronco OV-10s bombed Bubuana and Rame but no damage.

VENILALE : during the last month enemy tried to advance over Fretilin positions several times. Fretilin revolutionary forces killed six Indonesian soldiers and wounded many.One rifle was captured.Fretilin suffered no casualties.On 14/6, enemy mortar heavily shelled outskirts of village, but caused no damage.

LAGA: Enemy remains in its initial positions. 14/5/77: Fretilin forces in special duties killed ten Indonesian soldiers and wounded many. 16/5/77: again in special duties killed one Indonesian soldier and wounded four. 24/5/77 : one Indonesian soldier and one traitor killed. No Fretilin casualties in these engagements.

DILI : situation is getting worse in Dili. Civilian population is still victim of Indonesian barbarities. Even the so-called APODETI are very unsatisfied and are forced to offer their daughters to Indonesians.

TWO MORE CONTACTS BY PUBLIC RADIO TRANSCEIVER
FROM DARWIN TO EAST TIMOR

Members of the Campaign for Independent East Timor in Darwin last Saturday (18/6/77) contacted Mr Alarico Fernandes,Fretilin secretary for Information and National Security. Mr Fernandes, was interviewed by Mr Alan Croft of the international news agencies (AAP-Reuters,UPI). Many messages for refugees were exchanged. On the following day, a second contact was made on 19/6/77. More details will be provided when the tapes are transcribed.